that region would seem to be implied by Mr. Dickinson's statements, a condition of affairs strangely reversing the usual order of avian economy.

It is indeed a fair question whether this be not a case of *very early* instead of *very late*. Either way the case is a paradox. — SAMUEL N. RHOADS, *Acad. Nat. Sci., Philadelphia, Pa.*

The Passenger Pigeon in Aitkin County, Minn., with a recent Record for Northeastern Illinois. — Some facts lately furnished me by a Minnesota correspondent may be of interest in connection with the more recent movements of *Ectopistes migratorius*. Referring to the presence of the Wild Pigeon in his neighborhood the past spring, Mr. Eli La Mere, of Hickory, Aitkin County, Minnesota, writes me under date May 12, 1894, as follows: "Father saw a flock which was quite large; he says there were at least 500 of them in the flock. The boys see a pair occasionally in our sugar-bush and they seem quite tame. I think they will nest here this summer."

A subsequent letter received from him dated July 22 confirms in a measure the fact of its having bred there this spring, a single one being seen as late as the 20th of June.

The correspondent referred to in this instance is the son of a farmer-hunter at whose house the writer stopped for a number of days while visiting the State in the spring of 1893, and that the account herein given is truthful I have no reason to doubt.

Moreover the Pigeon was reported to me as being there during the time of my visit, a single individual being noticed by a timber 'cruiser,' who was perfectly familiar with the bird.

During late years the Passenger Pigeon has become extremely rare in Northeastern Illinois, at least so far as the neighborhood of Chicago is concerned. My latest record was made at Glen Ellyn on Sunday, Sept. 4, 1892. It was a young-of-the-year, very tame and unsuspicious. It was discovered in the company of some Jays and feeding about the piles of dirt recently made in excavating for the foundation of a house, well within the limits of the town, and was also observed to be picking the grain from some fresh horse-droppings, in which occupation it was harassed somewhat by the Jays. But the day, location and circumstances under which my observations were made precluded the possibility of the capture of the specimen. — BENJ. T. GAULT, *Glen Ellyn, Ill.*

The Turkey Buzzard in Plainfield, New Jersey. — A specimen of *Cathartes aura* was caught here on June 30, 1894. It is the first time the bird has been seen here. During the night of June 29 there was a heavy shower, and the bird was found sitting on a fence by the roadside the next morning, so wet that it could not fly and so was captured. I cannot find any one who has ever seen a specimen in this county. — STEPHEN A. KRAM, *Plainfield, N. J.*